MINUTES, &c.

OF THE

MEDICAL SOCIETY,

RESPECTING THE

FOTHERGILLIAN MEDAL.

To the MEDICAL SOCIETY of LONDON.

GENTLEMEN,

TO preſerve the memory of illuſtrious characters by ſome permanent memorial, is not only grateful to the friends of the deceaſed, but excites in the living that commendable emulation, which leads to great and virtuous actions. Such were thoſe which will render dear to diſtant poſterity the name of Dr. JOHN FOTHERGILL; in memorial of whom I have ordered a medal to be ſtruck, under the patronage and at the diſpoſal of the Medical Society of London, held in Crane Court, Fleet Street. It will be in gold, of ten guineas value, to be called the FOTHERGILLIAN MEDAL, and be given annually, on the 8th day of March, to the author of the beſt Eſſay upon a prize queſtion, propoſed by the Society, on a ſubject of Medicine or Natural Hiſtory.

The manner of propoſing the annual queſtion, and of determining upon the merits of the memoirs of the candidates, I refer to the determination of the Society; being perſuaded, from the unanimity of their meetings, and the learning and judgment of their members, that their deciſions will be calculated to promote medical ſcience in particular, and phyſics in general, which are my motives for requeſting their patronage of the FOTHERGILLIAN MEDAL.

JOHN COAKLEY LETTSOM.

London,
May 25, 1784.

LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Crane Court, 4th *June* 1784.

SIR,

AT a ſpecial meeting of the Medical Society, convened for the purpoſe of taking into conſideration your very liberal propoſal of the FOTHERGILLIAN MEDAL, to be diſpoſed of annually, at the option, and under the patronage of this Society:

I am ordered to inform you, that the ſame has been conſidered accordingly, and met that warm reception and approbation ſuch a diſtinguiſhed favour was ſo well entitled to:

And that this Society, being highly ſenſible how much you had thereby contributed to its advantage and reputation, order me to preſent you with the Thanks which were unanimouſly voted to you at this meeting.

By order of the Society,

WM WOODVILLE,

(one of the Secretaries.)

To J. C. Lettſom, M. D. &c.

THE following Members of the Medical Society, being appointed a Committee to conſider of the plan and diſtribution of the FOTHERGILLIAN MEDAL; viz.

James Sims, M. D.
William Woodville, M. D.
John Meyer, M. D.
William Hamilton, M. D.
John Coakley Lettſom, M. D.
Mr. William Norris;

Recommend, That the obverſe of the Medal exhibit
The head of Dr. FOTHERGILL, with this legend;

FOTHERGILLIUS. MEDICUS. AMICUS. HOMO.

In the exergue—*Nat. Mart.* 8, 1712. *Ob. Dec.* 26, 1780.

The reverſe—Hygeia ſtanding near the tomb of Dr. FOTHERGILL, holding in her right hand a wreath to crown the ſucceſsful candidate, who is preſented by Eſculapius.

The legend—DON. SOC. MED. LOND. AN. SAL. 1773, INSTITUT.

REGULATIONS *reſpecting the* MEDAL.

1. THAT the Medal be given annually to the author of the beſt Diſſertation, on a ſubject propoſed by the Society, for which the learned of all countries ſhall be invited as candidates.

2. Each Diſſertation ſhall be delivered to the Secretary, written in a legible hand, in the Latin, Engliſh, or French language, at leaſt two months before the meeting for adjudging the Medal.

3. With it ſhall be delivered a ſealed packet, with ſome device on the outſide; and within, the author's name and deſignation.

4. The ſame device ſhall be put on the Diſſertation, that the Society may know how to addreſs the ſucceſsful candidate.

5. There ſhall be a Committee appointed by the Society, for the purpoſe of adjudging this Medal, conſiſting of the Council; to whom ſhall be joined ſuch other Members as the Society ſhall think proper; and their ſentence ſhall be final.

6. The Medal ſhall be adjudged on the 8th day of March, that being the birth-day of the late Dr. FOTHERGILL. The firſt Medal ſhall be adjudged in the year 1786.

7. No Diſſertation with the name of the author affixed can be received, that the Committee may decide on the merits of each, without any knowledge of, or partiality for, the author.

8. All the Diſſertations, the ſucceſsful one excepted, ſhall be returned, if deſired, with the packets unopened which contain the names of the authors.

The following Queſtion is propoſed as the ſubject for the firſt Prize Medal:

"*What diſeaſes may be mitigated or cured by exciting*
"*particular affections or paſſions of the mind?*"

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